

**MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LUFKIN, TEXAS, HELD ON THE
18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1992, AT 12 NOON**

On the 18th day of December, 1992, the City Council of the City of Lufkin, Texas, convened in a called meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall with the following members thereof, to wit:

Louis A. Bronaugh
Don Boyd
Percy Simond
Larry Kegler
Jack Gorden
Tucker Weems
C. G. Maclin
Atha Stokes

Mayor
Mayor pro tem
Councilman, Ward No. 1
Councilman, Ward No. 3
Councilman, Ward No. 5
Councilman, Ward No. 6
City Manager
City Secretary

being present, and

Bob Bowman

Councilman, Ward No. 4

being absent when the following business was transacted.

1. Meeting called to order by Mayor Louis A. Bronaugh.

2. **BID - APPROVED - EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE - TML**

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the first item for consideration was the award of a bid for the City's employee health insurance.

City Manager Maclin stated that staff had received a renewal notice from the City's present employee health insurance carrier, Washington National, with a 53% rate increase. City Manager Maclin stated that it was felt that a 53% increase was excessive and that it would be in the City's best interest to go out for bids. City Manager Maclin stated that after reviewing the eight bids that were received, it appears that the best bid would be TML. City Manager Maclin stated that TML has the lowest maximum liability of any of the proposals; the lowest combined costs of any of the proposals; and, their rate increase across the board will be the lowest increase of any of the proposals.

City Manager Maclin stated that TML has an excellent reputation in providing health insurance benefit services. City Manager Maclin stated that staff recommendation is to award the insurance contract for January 1 through September 30th, so that in the future our health insurance contract will coincide with our fiscal year.

City Manager Maclin stated that two wellness programs have been implemented in an attempt to reduce insurance costs: (1) Monitoring of blood pressure every six months, and (2) The Mammography Program through Memorial Hospital. City Manager Maclin stated that as a part of the Safety Program, employees have been given back belts.

Motion was made by Councilman Don Boyd and seconded by Councilman Larry Kegler to accept the bid of TML to contract for the City's health insurance program from January 1, 1993 through September 30, 1993. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

City Manager Maclin stated that in order to make up the shortfall for this increase in employee rates, we will need to authorize the expenditure of approximately \$100,000 from the Insurance Loss Fund to cover the rate increase for the period of January 1 - September 30. City Manager Maclin stated that he is recommending that we make up this approximate \$10-12,000 per month difference in the premium over
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the next nine months so that we can be fully funded. City Manager Maclin stated that one of the reasons why we were so far in the "red" in the health trust fund is because we had not raised our rates.

Motion was made by Councilman Tucker Weems and seconded by Councilman Larry Kegler authorizing the expenditure of approximately \$10-12,000 per month from the Insurance Loss Fund to cover the rate increase for the period of January 1-September 30, 1993. A unanimous affirmative vote was recorded.

3. WORKSHOP - AMENDMENT TO SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

Mayor Bronaugh stated that the next item for consideration was a workshop to consider an amendment to the current Solid Waste Ordinance.

City Manager Maclin stated that this item was on the agenda to weigh the alternatives, and no action would be taken today.

Asst. City Manager Ron Wesch stated that it has taken approximately six months to develop some changes that will bring this Ordinance up to the 1992 status.

Corliss Dobson, Solid Waste Superintendent, went over the proposed changes:

Section 13-4 (A) - The City shall collect all refuse commonly understood to be household waste, placed in prescribed plastic bags. City Manager Maclin stated that the vast majority of citizens are already doing this. In response to question by Councilman Simond, Mr. Dobson stated that cans cause injuries and they also deteriorate.

Section 13-4 (B) - The City shall not collect any bricks, concrete, concrete blocks, dirt, rocks, or other earthen materials, car parts, large metal objects or any other construction materials, i.e. (but not limited to) boards, sheetrock, carpet, etc.

Section 13-4 (E) - Tires will not be collected. Mr. Wesch stated that if tires are collected they will have to be taken to the landfill for disposal.

Article II. Residential Service

Section 13-11 (B) - Approved plastic bags may be purchased at City Hall by residents of the City of Lufkin.

Section 13-13 (C) - "Junk" will be collected by special pick-up. Arrangements for this service can be made by contacting the City Solid Waste Department, which will have a supervisor contact the customer, examine the trash to be removed and advise the customer of the approximate cost. The customer will be requested to sign an authorization to the City to remove the trash, which authorization shall state the cost of service. Such charge will be charged to the customer's water bill.

Councilman Kegler stated that a lot of this junk is dumped. Councilman Simond stated that he had a problem with charging to pickup junk items because it would encourage "dumping." City Manager Maclin stated that the proposed charge for pickup of junk items is \$5 per item. City Manager Maclin stated that a project of Angelina Beautiful/Clean is to pickup these items twice a year free if they are taken to a designated area of the neighborhood.

Councilman Simond stated that he is opposed to citizens having to pay for this service, and that they are already paying too much.

Section 13-14 (D) - Bagged leaves, lawn clippings, and straw shall be collected on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month for those whose normal collection days are Mondays and Thursdays, and on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays for those whose normal collection days are Tuesday and Friday. Weeks which are affected by

holidays will negate Wednesday pickup. Mr. Dobson stated that this will give the Solid Waste Department the ability to concentrate on the 12 garbage routes. Mr. Dobson stated that on Wednesday the Department has to run all 12 routes in one day.

Section 13-14 (F) - Limbs and brush not in compliance with above provisions shall be collected on a per case basis by work order called into the Public Works Department. Rates of which will be on an actual cost basis.

Mr. Wesch stated that he has been contacted by two nurseries in town who are interested in purchasing the mulched limbs and brush. Mr. Wesch stated that at this time there is no "open market" for the mulch, and that it would have to meet EPA standards before being sold to the public.

City Manager Maclin stated that staff is doing some research gathering data and information on automated collections and will bring back this information to Council for consideration during the 1993-94 budget process.

Article III. Commercial and Industrial Service

Section 13-20 (A) - Customers may purchase containers from City of Lufkin Solid Waste Department at cost plus 15%. Mr. Dobson stated that customers will be able to pay in three installment payments.

Article IV. Special Waste from Health Care Related Facilities

Mr. Dobson stated that there is nothing in the original Ordinance dealing with health care related facilities and this Article will be a new addition to the amended Ordinance.

Article V. Rates

Section 13-41. Commercial Collection Charges

This establishes a maximum of 4 bags per pickup day.

Section 13-43. Rates for out-of-town Roll-off Service

Mr. Wesch stated that the City has three roll-off containers that are out-of-town (two are in Diboll and one in Huntington). Mr. Wesch stated that these entities are charged for pickup service and for mileage.

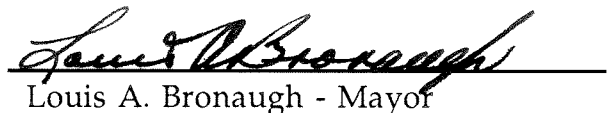
City Manager Maclin stated that this Amendment to the Solid Waste Ordinance will be presented to the City Council on the January 19th agenda for consideration.

4. There being no further business for consideration, meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

ATTEST:



Atha Stokes - City Secretary


Louis A. Bronaugh - Mayor